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1. FOLLOWING IS STATEMENT OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE
GOAL AND OBJECTIVE PER REF (E):

VI. PROMOTE ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT OF GUATEMALA'S
RURAL AREAS:

-PROVIDE FINANCIAL AND TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE TO GOG AND
PROMOTE PROGRAMS DESIGNED TO OVERCOME THE SKEWED NATURE
OF THE COUNTRY'S INCOME DISTRIBUTION PATTERN:
-IMPROVE CAPABILITY OF GOG AND LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS TO
EFFECTIVELY UTILIZE RESOURCES FOR PROGRAMS WHICH WILL
IMPROVE THE WELL-BEING OF THE COUNTRY'S POOR MAJORITY.

2. RESPONSE CALLED FOR UNCR REF B. FOLLOWS:

VI. DEVELOPMENT ASSISTANCE.

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A. CURRENT STEPS: PEACE CORPS AND AID PROGRAMS
IN GUATEMALA HAVE BEEN DESIGNED TO MEET THE BASIC
HUMAN NEEDS OF THE RURAL POOR. THROUGH INNOVATIVE
PROGRAMS BOTH AGENCIES ARE SUPPORTING GUATEMALAN
PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DEVELOPMENT INITIATIVES CONCENTRA-
TED LARGELY IN THE INDIAN HIGHLAND AREAS. THE ACTI-
VITIES OF PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS ARE FOCUSED PRIMA-

RILY ON MEETING THE AGRICULTURE, FOREST RESOURCE AND HEALTH NEEDS OF THE RURAL POPULATION. AID LOANS AND GRANTS ARE SUPPORTING COOPERATIVE DEVELOPMENT, AGRICULTURAL, PRIMARY EDUCATION AND LOW COST HEALTH DELIVERY PROGRAMS.

B. FUTURE STEPS: PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE TO BE ADDRESSED TO THE AGRICULTURAL/FORESTRY AND, INCREASINGLY, TO THE HEALTH NEEDS, OF THE RURAL POOR. OPPORTUNITIES WILL BE SEIZED TO RESPOND TO THOSE REQUESTS WHERE GUATEMALAN AND/OR LOCAL AGENCY SUPPORT IS CPEARLY DEMONSTRATED. THE LEVEL OF VOLUNTEERS WILL REMAIN IN THE RANGE OF 150-160 AND THEIR INVOLVEMENT IN RURAL COMMUNITY ACTIVITIES, BEYOND THEIR SPECIFIC JOB ASSIGNMENTS, WILL BE FURTHER ENCOURAGED IN ORDER TO PROMOTE MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING. ANNUAL AID PROGRAM LEVELS WILL REMAIN RELATIVELY CONSTANT RECONGNIZING THAT ACTUAL NEW AUTHORIZATIONS VARY ACCORDING TO PROJECT REQUIREMENTS. RURAL DEVELOPMENT ACTIVITIES WILL RECEIVE PRIORITY ALONG WITH A PROPOSED NEW LOAN-FINANCED HEALTH/NUTRITION PROGRAM. IN ADDITION, A STRONG EFFORT WILL BE MADE TO INTEREST THE NEW GOVERNMENT IN UNDERTAKING A PUBLICLY SUPPORTED POPULATION PROGRAM. IMPLEMENTATION OF EXISTING RURAL PRIMARY EDUCATION PROGRAMS WILL CONTINUE. WE WILL STRESS WITH NEW GOG OFFICIALS, ESPECIALLY IN THE PLANNING COUNCIL, THE NEED FOR ADDRESSING INCOME

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DISTRIBUTION PROBLEMS IN RURAL AREAS THROUGH REVISED PUBLIC SECTOR POLICIES AND INCREASED BUDGETARY ALLOCATIONS FOR RURAL PROGRAMS. EFFORTS TO INFLUENCE THE PROGRAMMING OF OTHER INTERNATIONAL DONORS IN SUPPORT OF THIS OBJECTIVE WILL CONTINUE. AID AND PEACE CORPS PROGRAMS WILL BE COORDINATED TO THE EXTENT FEASIBLE AND APPROPRIATE TO ENSURE MAXIMUM BENEFIT TO RECIPIENTS.

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